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## CENTERVILLE IS TO HAVE A TOMATO CANNERY THIS YEAR

Centerville is to have a cannery. It is to be erected on the five acre tract owned by the Hunt Bros. Co. of Hayward and purchased several years ago. Representatives of Hunt Bros. and of the Monterey Packing Co. have been acting in the matter and have promised to put up a \$50,000 plant for the cannery of tomatoes if an acreage of 200 acres could be secured for the coming season. As soon as the situation became known, F. T. Hawes and W. W. Walton two of Centerville's most loyal and public spirited citizens canvassed the community and in one day secured the promise of more than the required acreage.

The chief obstacle in the project has been the lack of a sewer system in Centerville. As the cannery for the present will be given over only to the canning of tomatoes, it is claimed that the need of a sewer system is not particularly urgent. The seeds and skins of the tomatoes are strained from the waste and the water used in washing the tomatoes can be used for irrigation on land adjoining the cannery. The amount of water used it is claimed will not exceed 50,000 gallons a day. This is a very small amount compared to what some of our farmers already pump for irrigation purposes.

The cannery will employ quite a number of people and will undoubtedly add to Centerville's growth and prosperity.

The coming of the cannery has given rise to the question of a sewer to the bay and it is possible that the joint action of Niles, Centerville and Newark may again be revived.

### SPRING VALLEY SUES COUNTY

The suit of the Spring Valley Water Company to recover the tax paid Alameda County on the assessment of its riparian rights is now on in Oakland. The suit involves something over \$100,000 in taxes. District Attorney W. H. Hynes and Assistant District Attorney Walter Burpee are defending the county's interests and McCutcheon and Olney are representing the Spring Valley.

The case is of vital importance to our entire township as the various school districts and road districts are greatly benefitted by the taxes derived from the assessment of the riparian rights.

While the tax money is a mere bagatelle compared to the loss in value to the township by the diversion of its natural water supply it is encouraging to see the county at least putting up a fight for the tax money.

### McGOVERN-MENDOZA

On Wednesday evening at Corpus Christi church, Joe Mendoza of Niles and Miss Nellie McGovern of San Francisco were united in marriage by Father J. A. Leal. Quite a number of the relatives and friends of the young couple were present at the wedding. Later in the evening, Mr. Mendoza's friends, headed by the Niles Chamber of Commerce Band, marched down to the cottage where music and dancing with refreshments, held sway until midnight.

The newly married couple are very popular young people. The bride is the daughter of a San Francisco contractor, and is very well liked by those who know her. The groom has grown up in Niles and is engaged as a mechanic in Rose Bros. garage.

The wedding is the result of a romance of three years. The young people first met when Miss McGovern was in a camping party at Fernbrook. They will make their home in Niles where they have rented one of the Essanay cottages. They are receiving the hearty good wishes of a host of their friends.

## Water District Upheld by State Appellate Court

The Appellate Court at Sacramento

this week upheld the decision of Judge

Burroughs rendered in the Superior

Court two years against the Dumbarton

Land Co. in its suit against the

Alameda County Water District. The

Dumbarton Land Co. sued to set aside

the proceedings of the Board of Supervisors in the matter of the forma-

tion of the district. It was understood

at the time that the attack upon the

district by the Dumbarton Co. was in-

spired by other allied interests which

did not wish to see the district formed.

Judge Burroughs decided against the

company and held that the district was

legally and properly formed. Attorney

Snook for the company appealed the

case and the decision just handed

down also upholds the district.

In the meantime the validity of the

district has been sanctioned also by

the State legislature. The decision

by the appellate court will have an

important bearing upon the later case

by the Dumbarton Land Co. in which

it sought to enjoin the district from

spending money in litigation against

the Spring Valley Water Co.

## COMMISSION URGES COLONIZATION OF LAND BY STATE AID

The most important recommendation in the report of the State Colonization Commission was that the State, acting through a Board should buy about 10,000 acres of land, subdivide this land into allotments, improve these allotments so as to make them habitable and productive, and sell them to settlers at cost.

A bill to carry this recommendation into effect was introduced by Senator Breed of Oakland.

The plan to be followed is outlined in the Commission's report on pages 66 to 77 which describes similar systems in other countries. Anyone reading those pages will see that what is proposed is in no sense a new experiment but is a carefully thought out system which has been perfected by trial in countries as widely separated in climate and conditions as Germany and Australia, Denmark and Uruguay, Ireland and New Zealand. Everywhere it has been a remarkable success. It has given families of little capital a chance to own farms, who could never have hoped for this otherwise. It has broken up big estates and put a end to the twin evils of non-resident landlords and tenant farmers.

The value of this plan to settlers is the saving it makes in getting their farms ready for cultivation. Instead of leaving each one of two hundred or three hundred settlers to waste time someone to build him a house and tell him how to prepare his ground for irrigation, all this is looked after by one competent business manager who by buying material at wholesale and paying cash can save to the settler nearly half the cost of getting started.

The next help to the settler is that it enables him to use his capital to better advantage. Instead of having to pay in cash the whole cost of his house or for leveling his land, he pays about one-third of the cost in cash and has twenty to thirty years in which to pay the remainder. This leaves him more money with which to buy horses, cows and farm implements.

The third advantage is that the settlers are given practical advice about how and when to plant and cultivate. In other words, it is the application of scientific management to land settlement.

One attractive feature of this demonstration is that it will furnish an opportunity for the settler to make a larger use of the Farm Land Bank. Half the purchase price of the land will be paid by a loan from the bank. It is expected that this loan will be obtained at 5 per cent interest and that the yearly payment on principal will be one per cent, so that by paying 6 per cent a year for somewhere between thirty and forty years the settler will own his farm. In other words, under this system settlers will be able to buy land at its productive value and by paying interest rates similar to those enjoyed by other industries become owners of their homes. (To be continued.)

## The World of Pleasure

THE BISHOP THEATRE

After many attempts the scribe managed to get to the new Bishop Playhouse Monday evening. Let it be understood that this is not a paid advertisement. Also that we are no dramatic critic. But a word of appreciation is in order. It was a delightful evening, and heaven, wather, finances and other causes permitting, we shall go again.

The place has a real comfortable atmosphere. It is new, clean, cosy, seating 800. The acoustics are fine. It is devoted to stock—a wholesome relief from the movies. And the orchestra—five strings, flute, piano and tympani—is all that could be desired. Mr. Bishop, who built the playhouse, owned the old Ye Liberty before it was given over to vaudeville.

We are hoping that people who like good things will give the Bishop Playhouse the support that it deserves. It seems to be the oasis that shall rescue the legitimate drama, at least locally, from the Clutching Hand, the Perils of Pauline, the Exploits of Elaine, Broncho Billy and even Charlie Chaplin.

The play this week is a comedy: "He Comes Up Smiling". Next week will be presented "The Song of Songs".

### VALENTINE DANCE NEXT SATURDAY EVENING

The big event of the month for Washington Township seems to be the Valentine Dance given by the Centerville Young Ladies Sodality, at Parish Hall next Saturday evening, February 10th. The young ladies have been making preparations for this event for some time past, and it is now apparent that the most excellent of good times is in store for those who are planning to be present for the affair. Sykes Orchestra has been secured to furnish the music, which is of itself an advertisement of merit. The admission to be charged is fifty cents for gentlemen, ladies free. This is the second annual affair of the kind and it is to be taken for granted that a large crowd will be on hand, and there is no question but that the dance will be a great success.

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## DARING ROBBERY AT NEWARK LAST SATURDAY NIGHT

A daring robbery at Newark last Saturday night netted the thieves quite a considerable sum. The safes in the saloon of Ruschm and Silva and in the store of S. A. D. Buchanan were blown open and the contents amount-

ing to \$10,000 were taken. Ruschm and Silva were the heaviest losers, the sum obtained from Buchanan being small. The robbery occurred after midnight and while no one was in the building. It is customary for some one to sleep in the building but the two young men happened to be out at a dance at Centerville and when they returned detected the odor caused by the explosion and discovered that the place had been robbed.

Saturday was pay day in Newark and this was evidently known to those who committed the crime.

Although the local officers and the sheriff's office have been investigating no clue has yet been obtained to lead to the detection of the criminals.

## A very Grave Situation

The European war seems to be entering upon its last and fiercest stage. The unrestricted diver warfare put into effect by Germany this week is apt to bring about a break with that country. The future seems fraught with greater menace to this country than at any time since the war began. President Wilson has proved himself a wise diplomat and a courageous statesman. He has the confidence of the nation and no matter what the future may force upon us, the nation will uphold him. This support will be all the more determined because President Wilson has done all in his power to avert just such a situation as now threatens us. No president since Lincoln has faced such tremendous responsibilities.

It is an anxious time for the whole nation and a critical time in the history of the world.

## Clubs and Social Gatherings

The officers of Alameda Lodge, No. 167, F. and A. M., were installed at the annual installation last Saturday evening, Jan. 27.

F. P. Hartman who has served as Worthy Master in a most efficient manner for the past year acted as installing officer.

The following is a list of the officers installed:

W. M. J. B. Chas. J. S. W. O. E. J. M. S. J. W. H. C. Searles, Sec. A. F. Biddle, Treas. P. C. Hauser, S. D. B. C. Mickle, J. D. W. C. Graham, S. S. R. O. Moyer, J. S. W. A. McKeown, Marshal F. B. Hartman.

After the meeting a very enjoyable time was had at the banquet table.

### PARENT-TEACHERS MEET

Last Monday afternoon there was a meeting of the Parent-Teachers Club at the school room assembly hall and as part of the business of the gathering a surprise was sprung upon Mrs. Oakeshott, the returning President of the Club. Mrs. Fournier, President pro tem in a smart little speech presented to Mrs. Oakeshott a cream pitcher and sugar bowl, two fine pieces of cut glass ware, as a parting gift and a testimonial of the affectionate esteem in which the recipient is held by the Club members. Mrs. Oakeshott feelingly responded with thanks for the gift and the friendship of the givers.

### COUNTRY CLUB MEETS TUESDAY

The Country Club meeting will be held at the Club House on Tuesday, February 6th, and the program for the day will include an address by Miss Millicent Shinn.

Board meeting on Monday, Feb. 5th.

### NILES WOMAN'S CLUB MEETS THURSDAY

The Niles Woman's Club will hold its regular meeting on Thursday, Feb. 8, at the home of Mrs. Horace Craft. Prof. Thomas of the University of California will address the Club. All interested in educational matters whether members of the Club or not are cordially invited to attend.

### MEXICANS ARRAIGNED: HEARING SET FOR FEB. 10

Emilio and Estelan Pomiaguan, two Mexican workers from Decoto, were arraigned before Justice of the Peace Richmond Monday morning, charged with assault with intent to murder their fellow worker Diego Guerrero two weeks ago. On Saturday evening, January 20th, they had stabbed Guerrero after a drunken brawl in Decoto. They were captured shortly afterward by Constable Rose and were held over pending the outcome of Guerrero's case. The injured man seems to be well on the road to recovery.

The arraignment took place Wednesday morning in Niles. The preliminary hearing will take place before Justice Richmond on February 10th.

## ANNUAL LABOR DAY AT WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

The annual labor day took place at Washington high school on Friday of last week. Labor day in this respect is spelled with a small "l", for it is a day of labor.

The young men of the school were assigned to various tasks of manual effort that needed to be done about the grounds. The boys put in a busy day fixing up the track, repairing fences, picking walnuts and at other matters equally strenuous. But it was not all hard work. A very delicious luncheon was served by the young ladies, and the day was altogether a very pleasant one.

### NILES AND CENTERVILLE CHURCHES TO MEET TOGETHER

There will evening service at St. James Church, Episcopal, Centerville, on Sunday evening, Feb. 6th, at 7:45 o'clock.

The Niles congregation will be present, by invitation, at this service, and the Niles choir will render the offertory. St. James choir will be augmented by a cornet and two violins.

A hearty invitation is extended to all to be present.

## Death of Mrs. Stevenson

Mrs. Jane Stevenson, a pioneer resident of Washington Township, passed away last Thursday, Jan. 25, after an illness of several months due to the infirmities of old age. The deceased was a native of County Tyrone, Ireland and came to California in 1862 and the same year was married to John Thomas Stevenson, who later became one of the most successful farmers of this section. She has resided here for the past fifty-five years most of the time being spent on the old Stevenson farm. After her husband's death a number of years ago she took up her residence in the town of Centerville.

The funeral was held Saturday from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. H. W. Emerson, thence to the Holy Ghost Catholic Church where requiem high mass was celebrated, the interment taking place in the Catholic cemetery at Centerville.

She is survived by her daughter Mrs. Carrie Emerson, and two sons, Eugene H. Stevenson and John Stevenson, and three grandsons Maxwell, Harry, and John, the sons of E. H. Stevenson.

Mrs. Stevenson was a quiet, home-loving woman and very simple in her mode of life. She was a good helpmate to her husband during their active careers, was devoted to her children and was always ready to help those whom she felt were deserving, in her quiet unostentatious way.

## Coming Events

\*\*FEBRUARY 10. Saturday Evening.

Valentine's Dance at Parish Hall, Centerville. Sykes Orchestra.



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C O U N T Y P R E S S

## RIPARIAN RIGHTS TAX

SO FAR the county officials have found no way to reimburse the Alameda County Water District of the \$3842 taxes which Assessor Horner's office failed to charge up to the Spring Valley Water Company.

The Water Company has just boosted the price of its property valuation up to \$50,000,000, and has asked the railroad commission to compel the people of San Francisco to pay them an eight per cent return on this valuation. How much the company's property would be worth without the Alameda Creek watershed is not hard to guess. The value of the water company's properties lies in the amount of water it can develop and control. Its most valuable property is water. It is that upon which its stocks and bonds are built. It now gets half of its water supply from this county. It expects soon to get a much larger proportion from this county. It is now assessed one and one-half million dollars in Washington Township on its riparian rights. The same amount has been added to its assessed valuation in Pleasanton Township. The total assessment therefore for its water rights in Alameda County is \$3,000,000, a very modest sum compared to the value of those rights which the company gets upon them. It is asked for an eight per cent return on \$50,000,000.

And even on this amount, small as it is the company does not want to pay taxes. It is now suing to recover the taxes paid in the last few years. The case now on trial involves over \$100,000 in taxes already collected which the company seeks to get back and thus escape the responsibility of sharing in the burden of government in this county in which its most valuable properties lie.

It is simply amazing how patient and forbearing our county officials are with this corporation. In the present suit the company is the aggressor. The county is simply defending itself for a tax on a very low valuation. The county government has never attempted to protect the county from being robbed of its valuable water rights. The only real fight ever put up in this county against the corporation has been put up by the people of Washington Township.

Now we find that through the oversight of the County Assessor's office,

the Alameda County Water District is to be prevented from receiving the tax from this corporation. In other words through the oversight of the county Assessor's office, the people of the district are obliged to raise \$5000 more than they would have had to raise had the Spring Valley been taxed on its greatly undervalued assessment on its riparian rights in this township.

It is bad enough to permit a private corporation to exploit such a vital necessity as water but to see it permitted to avoid even a small share of a just burden which its own rapacity has forced upon our people is adding insult to injury.

## CENTERVILLE CANNERY

IT MAY BE a little premature but it looks as if Centerville is to have a cannery this year. It will probably be only a tomato cannery to start with but once located and in operation it may develop into something larger. It is to be hoped that the project will go through and with the kind of people who are backing it there seems no doubt but that it will. Centerville is in the heart of this fertile district and so far as acreage is concerned the new cannery is already assured of more than it has asked for and future needs will undoubtedly be met by the growers if the prices of the cannery are satisfactory. That the canning of other vegetables will follow seems to be in the natural order of things. This section is preeminently a fruit and truck growing section. With the development of irrigation and the increase of population it will eventually become an intensively cultivated section. A cannery will stimulate production and by furnishing employment will add to the wealth of the community. Every factory in the township helps other towns than the one in which it is located. The location of a cannery at Centerville will help all the surrounding towns and so all the other towns are wishing for Centerville's success.

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### PROSTITUTION AND POVERTY THE BULLETIN

Rampant Righteousness on a vice crusade becomes indignant when told that the social evil is partly a product of low wages, and when asked what it proposes to do with fallen women. "There are thousands of virtuous girls working for eight dollars a week," we are told. "Let the prostitute, driven out of her dens, go back to honest labor," says the vice crusader. "To say that low wages forces women to sell their bodies is an insult to all virtuous working girls. It is indolence and love of ease, and lax morality, but not poverty, that makes prostitutes."

This rejoinder is nothing but an adroit parry of the question. Of course the great majority of working women maintain their virtue in spite of low wages, just as the great majority of working men manage to keep out of crime in spite of poverty, and just as many persons escape tuberculosis, although spending their lives in me-

ropolitan slums. But poverty, nevertheless, breeds prostitution as it breeds crime, and as the slums breed tuberculosis. But human society is no longer content to say, let the devil take the hindmost. It is no longer satisfied with economic conditions which permit the strong, the gifted and the selfish to rise from the depths in which the weak, the subnormal and the incompetent are submerged and overwhelmed. It no longer argues that poverty must be the fault of the poor since there are so many self-made millionaires.

Many women manage to live on \$8 or \$10 a week, with or without help from their families. Other women having, perhaps, greater burdens, more dependents, less strength of character and less thrift yield to the pressure of their poverty and seek relief in the hardest of all careers—that of a harlot. It is over fifty years since "Les Miserables" appeared, but the smug and self-righteous have not yet taken to heart the story of Fantine. Do we owe no duty to Fantine because she sacrifices virtue to save her child?

No one contends that the prostitute is not weak and full of faults. Indeed she has as many imperfections as the righteous. Other factors besides poverty help to bring about her downfall. She may crave finery and ease; she may shirk the duties of her station of life. In her ignorance of human nature she may have loved unwisely. Those frailties are common to all classes and the poor are not exempt. But poverty is the principal cause of the social evil. The daughters of the rich are not more virtuous than the daughters of the poor, but they do not go into brothels. Without poverty there would still be immorality, but there would be no commercialized prostitution.

Many women are able to live virtuously on eight dollars a week. Many other women are not. A woman's burden is not always measured to her strength. To deny help to the weak because they are not strong is a very perversion of character. To say to the prostitute, "If you don't want to be clubbed go back to work," is to demand of her an ability to survive and succeed in a fierce competitive struggle where she has already failed. That is the most immoral kind of morality.

Most of us are as God made us, but the prostitute is as man made her. Surely man owes a duty to the creature of his lust. Having spoiled her life and perverted her nature he cannot get rid of his obligation by lightly bidding her go back to work, work which does not exist for her; work which, if it did exist, he has unfitted her to do.

The social evil will be eradicated when either of two things occurs: when the economic condition of women is so altered that commercialized prostitution will offer no inducement, or when the moral condition of men is so improved that the masculine sex instinct, a social force exceeding the energy of Niagara, shall no longer be employed in breaking down the virtue of frail women on the starvation line.

### LOGIC FROM THE MAGDALENS STOCKTON RECORD

The most striking and possibly the saddest incident of the anti-vice spasm now raging in San Francisco was the visit to Rev. Smith of the Central Methodist Episcopal church, leader of the crusade, of hundreds of women from the underworld to ask what fate his plan contemplated for them. These women were mostly mothers; many evidenced intelligence, and all said that too low wages was the cause of their downfall, and that they would gladly accept decent work.

The most telling fact adduced by the women was the fact that a living wage must be the bait held out for a decent life, and really guilty prostitutes were the ones who drank highballs and laughed as they smacked their lips at the tables in the cafes. Some seemed to be better versed in the original spirit of religion than Rev. Smith himself. To one of his replies the leader said that was not what Christ had said to Mary Magdalen.

This visit, welling up as it did from the voluntary act of the chief victims, is one of the most emphatic and logical acts of the movement. The women pointed to two of the chief causes of their present condition—low wages and the drink evil. They pointed out that no woman of a home would receive one of them, even to do necessary work, and wanted to know from Rev. Smith what he would do with them. He did not and could not answer. It is an age-long problem that has gone unanswered since civilization started, and until it is answered civilization is on a false basis.

But some of the wrongs can be righted by the state. The waste of some in quaffing highballs can be stopped. The non-living wage evil may be modified partly by proper action, and what that action is remains to

determine. In North Dakota they think they have found a way by breaking away from the old parties and electing a farmer governor. New York laughs, and so does Minneapolis—but only trial can prove. It is not the first remedy that has come out of the West.

## THE ADMINISTRATION POLICY

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

Millions for Offense But Not One Cent for Permanent Improvements.—Congress has been instructed to appropriate \$351,000,000 for warships, which it will require years to construct, but no public building bill will be allowed to become a law.

As it is inconceivable that the present war can continue until the warships to be authorized can be built, it is certain that they are not to be ordered for the purpose of using them to defend neutral rights.

As we had no quarrel with any country before the present war broke out and not likely to have one after it ends, there can be no pretense that this sudden and tremendous military expansion is intended for purposes of "defense."

The world will believe that we are making these preparations with the same object that Germany had in providing, in time of peace, war machinery more powerful than that of any other nation.

That is to say that in spite of our loudly expressed desires for peace we are imposing outrageous taxation for preparation for war.

Considering the sentiments expressed at such length by the President in his letters to the belligerents, it would have been eminently appropriate to have said that in deference to the expressed opinion of the world we would suspend our great naval programme in the expectation that the nations would learn to war no more.

Was there any suggestion on our part that we would quit taxing for war if other nations would? There was not. We have given no nation any reason to believe that we should not continue and increase our present expenditure for war purposes. There is danger that mankind may say that Americans are humbugs.

But there are to be no public buildings and as little harbor improvement as possible. Now, those improvements are a good thing. The motto of millions for offense but not one cent for internal improvements is not a good motto.

## Civil Service Examinations

The California State Civil Service Commission has announced the following examinations for the months of February and March, 1917:

Stationary Engineer.—Candidates must have had at least two years' recent important experience as stationary engineers. Salaries range from \$60 to \$120 a month, with maintenance where the position is located at a state institution. Applications must be filed on or before February 17, 1917.

Stationary Fireman.—Candidates must have had at least two years' recent important experience as stationary firemen. Salaries range from \$40 to \$75 a month, with maintenance where the position is located at a state institution. Application must be filed on or before February 17, 1917.

Tailor, Preston School of Industry.—Candidates must have a thorough knowledge of tailoring, be capable of instructing boys in the making of military uniforms and other kinds of clothing, including the manufacture and mending of socks by machinery, and must be qualified to take charge of the boys in the position of company captain. The salary range is from \$75 to \$100 a month with maintenance. Applications must be filed on or before February 24, 1917.

Farm Tractor Operator.—Candidates must have had at least one year's recent experience as a gasoline tractor operator, should be able to make their own repairs, and should have had experience in working and plowing land. The salary is \$45 a month with maintenance. Applications must be filed on or before March 3, 1917.

Deputy State Veterinarian.—Candidates must be graduates of recognized colleges of veterinary medicine and should preferably be between the ages of 21 and 40 on the date of the examination. The entrance salary is \$150 a month with traveling expenses. Candidates will be given a written examination on March 10, 1917. Applications must be filed on or before March 3, 1917.

Further information and application blanks for any of the above examinations may be secured from the State Civil Service Commission, Forum Building, Sacramento.

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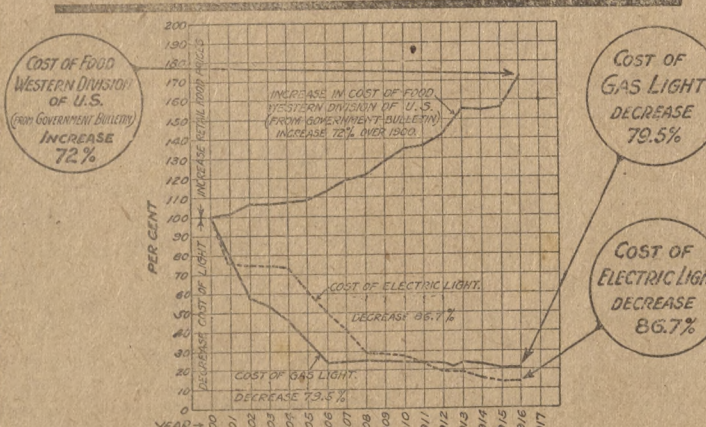
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Queries and Replies Covering Matters of Importance to the Man Who Runs a Car

Which of the following methods will stop a motorcar in the shorter distance—applying brakes to lock the wheels or applying greatest possible brake strain without locking wheels? And will a heavy car stop in as short a distance as a light one, the speed and brake power being equal?

It is generally supposed that a motorcar will stop in a shorter distance if the wheels are not fully locked, but almost so and revolving. When the brakes are applied so the wheels lock the only friction tending to bring the car to rest is that of the tires on the ground, but when the brakes are applied so as to nearly lock the wheels there is rolling friction of the wheels, gear set and rear axle friction and brake friction; hence with the greater friction the car will stop in a shorter distance. If you will watch street car motormen whose cars are equipped with air brakes or locomotive engineers at work you will find that when the conveyance is to be stopped the brake control is alternately applied and released, thus setting and releasing the brakes, which prevents the wheels from sliding. This not only tends to keep the vehicle from moving off the track, but stops it in a shorter distance than if the wheels had to slide on the tracks.

Of two cars exactly the same in every respect, except as to the load carried, the one with the lighter load will stop in the shorter distance. This may be attributed to the fact that the inertia of the heavier vehicle is greater than that of the lighter. If you were pushing a baby carriage at ten miles per hour you could very easily stop it within a few yards, but if you were pushing a 300 pound cart you would find it would require a greater distance in which to stop.

My car consumes too much oil. Could this be prevented by putting patent rings on top of the piston and drilling a one-eighth or one-fourth inch hole through the piston walls? Would graphite help this any? There is an oil feed from the precision oiler leading directly into the lower part of the cylinder.

The use of patent rings will help to prevent oil from reaching the combustion chamber, but we suggest that before you install such rings you determine the cause of the trouble. Perhaps the cylinders are worn excessively or the pistons worn too much, under which condition it would be better to use larger pistons. Perhaps too much oil is being fed to the cylinders. The drilling of holes in the piston skirt also will help. Graphite is a good lubricant for the cylinders and tends to fill in the microscopic holes in the metal, but it would not entirely eliminate your trouble. There should be little fear of clogging provided you use the correct amount of graphite.

The Oldham coupling between my clutch and gear box is very noisy. Could you tell me of a way to eliminate this?

Your coupling is probably made in three pieces, including the sleeve, ring and a square piece fitting over the forward end of the clutch gear. There are therefore two places where wear can occur and cause noise in action—first, at the lugs of the Oldham ring, and, second, on the square sides of the coupling. You should look at these points and measure the clearance. If the clearance is sufficiently great to cause vibration and noise, new pieces should be secured to fit.

What would be the best way to lengthen the drive shaft from the gear box in increasing the wheel base of a car by three feet?

If you intend to carry the rear axle back a distance of three feet the best method of lengthening the drive shaft would be to cut it somewhere in its length and drive a piece of seamless steel tubing over each end of the shaft a distance of six inches or more. The tubing can then be brazed or welded to the shaft and a good connection made between the two. It must be remembered that in lengthening the wheel base of the car it throws the entire steering layout out of arrangement, and as a result of this you will find a tendency of the car to skid. The center lines of the hubs of the two front wheels must intersect the line of the rear axle produced at a common point, and this will not occur if you carry the rear axle back from its original position.

How can pistons be loosened when the oil has run out, causing them to stick to the walls?

The best way to do the work is to disconnect the rods at the lower ends and then remove the cylinders with the pistons and connecting rods. Kerosene or oil should be poured into the cylinder, and then with a large monkey wrench an attempt should be made to twist the connecting rod. This affords a means of turning the piston in the cylinder. If you cannot loosen the piston in this way, try heating the piston and cylinder with a torch and at the same time twist the rod. Do not twist too much, for otherwise you will distort the rods. If the methods suggested are not successful, the best way appears to be to break the pistons.

Is there any way to repair a blown out casing which is otherwise far from worn out?

A rapid and very economical way to repair a blowout consists in simply lacing up the injured part with ordinary wire belt lacing. A good repair job can easily be done in about fifteen or twenty minutes, proceeding as follows: First, cut away the loose rubber around the blowout so you can extend the lacing one inch or so beyond each extremity of the "wound." Secondly, with a stout hatpin or a sharp nail punch a sufficient number of holes around the edges of the cut, being careful to get them equidistant, yet not too close together. Next lace up the cut with the wire lacing just as you would lace an ordinary belt, but in this case allow only one strand through each hole. Be also very careful to equalize as much as possible the tension of the wire strands. A double row of wire lacing (one over the other) will be much stronger than a single one. Finally place a piece of canvas, cardboard or leather inside of the casing over the laced part so the inner tube cannot be injured. You have then a repaired tire that you can again depend upon for a good many miles.

It sounds to reason that wire belt lacing that is capable of lacing up a 100 horsepower belt should equally well answer the purpose of lacing up tire fabric. The scheme favors greatly the cars equipped with demountable rims or wheels. The last ounce of possible use can be handily extracted out of an injured tire, whether the blowout is premature or not.

It is essential that the wire lacing employed should be of the best wire lacing obtainable, which has not only an enormous tensile strength, but which possesses also a remarkable amount of resistance to torsion and flexion. These qualities make it admirably suitable for repairing a blowout in a prompt and economical manner. An ordinary coil of belt lacing costs but 25 cents and is amply sufficient to repair from ten to fifteen blowouts, according to the size of the tire. Every motorist before starting on a long, hard trip should not fail to take along a coil of belt lacing, an ordinary awl and a strong piece of canvas. Thus equipped, his chances of getting home on a bare rim are reduced to a minimum.

Would grinding the cylinders and cylinder head of an engine make gas-tight fits without a gasket?

Yes, if the grinding was done accurately enough. Gaskets are as satisfactory, with much less machining cost. Furthermore, in replacing the head after once having removed it great care would have to be taken to be sure that the surfaces were clean. The gaskets also serve well to take up any warping which may occur in the metal.

Is there any electric system which can be run with the battery off without disconnecting the generator? If so, how can it be done?

A great many systems may be run with the battery off and current taken from the generator, but in none of them is it a safe proposition. The battery takes care of the generator current, as it is intended, and without this outlet for current it is very likely that the generator will suffer.

I am having trouble with my motor overheating. It steams when driven eight or ten miles. Would too much oil cause this, as it smokes at the exhaust?

The use of too much oil for any length of time will cause carbon to deposit on the piston and cylinder head and thus cause the motor to heat. If misfiring is evident and loss of power, then treat the motor as one badly carbonized. However, the heating may be due to other things besides carbon. The motor should not be operated with the spark retarded too far, and the brakes should not drag. The water system must, of course, be free from obstructions. If the pistons are poorly fitted or the rings worn excessively the oil will work up into the combustion chamber, deposit carbon and cause heating. Try to do as little intermediate and low gear work as possible.

What is meant by casehardening? Casehardening refers to a process of producing a hard coating of metal over a piece of steel. The process consists of heating the metal and then lightly sprinkling potassium cyanide over it while it is hot. This causes an action between the metal and the cyanide with the production of a coating which is very hard. This case or coating has good wearing qualities and protects the inner metal, which is softer and acts as a cushion for the case. Aside from the cyanide mentioned above, charcoal is used or charcoal mixed with barium carbonate.

My motor block is broken so as to be apparently beyond repair. Can anything be done?

Before giving up the cylinder casting you should take it to a good welder and have it gone over. Many an apparently hopeless job has been repaired by the welding process.

### VALENTINE PARTY AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND MANSE

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wells Rogers will entertain a large number of friends Wednesday evening, February 14th, 1917, from 8 to 12 o'clock at the Presbyterian church and manse. This party will be in honor of mothers and fathers who have children in the Sunday schools. Rev. and Mrs. Rogers will be assisted by a host of charming young ladies from the Centerville Sunday school and the Alvarado Sunday school and also members of the ladies aid. Novel and original Valentine games are planned for this novel party. There will be a program and the church will be decorated with evergreens and hearts. Come and help us write a valentine.

### LOCAL AND OUTSIDE TALENT AT AUTO BENEFIT

The youthful beauty of Centerville and vicinity is to appear in a spectacular part of the Automobile Benefit given by St. James Episcopal Church, on February 9th. Mrs. M. E. Mowry, Mrs. Jos. C. Mowry and Mrs. F. C. Murgotten are training the girls for this feature.

A vocal solo by Mrs. Antrim Bunting will be one of the numbers on the program of the Automobile Benefit. Both local talent and also that of San Jose and Oakland will contribute to make the Automobile Benefit the affair of the season.

### CHURCH TO GO VISITING

Next Sunday evening there will be no service at the First Congregational Church at Niles. Instead the members of the Church will journey to Centerville to attend the service of the Trinity Episcopal church. It is hoped that this will not be the last time that churches of the township will show their neighborliness by occasionally closing their own service and attending another church en masse. A way of transportation will be provided and will be announced at the service Sunday morning.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our many friends for the beautiful floral offerings and kind sympathy extended during our late bereavement.

MRS. H. W. EMERSON,  
J. W. STEVENSON,  
E. H. STEVENSON.

### AT THE CHURCHES

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Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.  
Church services, 11:00 a. m.  
Evening service, 7:30 p. m.

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REV. F. C. MURGOTTEN, Minister  
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.  
Kindergarten, 11:00 a. m.  
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First Sunday of the month, evening service, 7:45 p. m.

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8 p. m. Preaching Services.

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# Personal

## NILES

Mrs. Chittenden having arranged for passage on the steamer Sonoma for Honolulu, left home last Tuesday afternoon by auto and went to the steamer's dock in the city. There it

was learned that the Sonoma would not leave port till Wednesday because of the delay in transmission of the mail and Eastern passengers due to the snow blockade near Cheyenne, Wyoming. Miss M. E. DeCora accompanied Mrs. Chittenden on the trip to the islands.

On Friday evening of last week a goodly number of our citizens met at the Congregational church in honor of the Oakeshott family and to bid them good bye before their departure for Oakland which is to be their future home. A fine "get together" feeling was manifested among the members of the company and warm welcome was given to Mrs. Baldwin, recently recovered from what at one time, seemed a fatal illness. Mrs. Ellis and daughter, and Mr. Gill recently returned from an Eastern trip, and Mrs. Gill who had not, before, met the members of her husband's congregation.

Toward the close of the evening, refreshments of sandwiches, cake and coffee were served at two long tables. Mr. F. V. Jones officiated as conductor of ceremonies at the table. Remarks were made by himself, Mrs. C. B. Overacker, Mr. Sneden, Mr. Gill and Mrs. Chittenden each giving expression to their respect and friendship for Mr. and Mrs. Oakeshott and their appreciation of their valuable citizenship among us. The good wishes which will follow them to their Oakland home are surely, very sincere.

Miss Helen Sharpe and her fiancé, Mr. Hobson, were week-end guests at Belvoir.

Miss Marie Sharpe was also a guest on Sunday.

Geo. Farrell motored to Oakland Thursday.

Manuel Schwartz and "Kid Olie" attended the "Bird of Paradise" at the Cort Theatre Saturday evening, returning to Niles late Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Rutherford visited in Oakland Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kellar and family visited in Oakland Sunday.

Mr. Alexander of Decoto, and Miss Grace Ellis attended the Cort Theatre Saturday evening where the "Bird of Paradise" was being played.

Frank Lopez made a business trip to the city Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Duffey and Geo. Duffey visited in the city Sunday.

## DECOTO

The death of Manuel Cordiero of Decoto occurred last Sunday in San Francisco. The deceased underwent an operation several months ago but at the time it was found that he had little chance for recovering. For several weeks he had been in the city undergoing treatment but gradually grew weaker until death relieved his sufferings. For the past two years he had conducted a nursery near the Bell Ranch bridge and was making a success of it. Prior to that he worked for a number of years at the California Nursery at Niles. He was a native of the Azores but spent his early boyhood in the Hawaiian islands, coming with the family to Decoto some twenty years ago. About five years ago he was married to Miss Louise Roderick of Alviso. He leaves beside his widow a little four year old son, Claude, his parents Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cordiero, two sisters, Mrs. Frank Castro and Mrs. George Bettencourt and a brother John Cordiero, all of whom were devotedly attached to him. "Pit" Cordiero as the deceased was familiarly known had many friends who honored him for his many good qualities.

His untimely death at the age of thirty-four is a sad blow to his family who have the sincere sympathy of the entire community. The funeral was held Wednesday with mass at Corpus Christi Church at Niles and interment in the Catholic Cemetery at Centerville. Many beautiful floral tokens from friends and the fraternal organization to which he belonged attested the esteem in which he was held.

Train No. 97, which leaves Niles at 6:13 for Oakland now stops at Decoto. This is an advantage to commuters at both the Willett & Burr and the Essex Lumber Co.'s works.

Thieves broke into the saloon of Frank Goulart last Monday evening and besides taking a little change left in the till helped themselves generously to the liquors at hand. Entrance was effected by prying open a window. No clue to the thieves has yet been found.

Mr. W. L. Heany the new Southern Pacific agent at Decoto took charge this week. Mr. Heany was formerly agent at Centerville where he made many friends.

Miss Dorris Whipple of Oakland formerly of Decoto visited relatives and friends here during the past week.

Dr. J. Hal Cope of Pleasanton, County Health officer, visited Decoto last Tuesday.

## ALVARADO

Mrs. Fred Mueller arrived home Friday, from the Buena Vista Sanatorium after a successful operation.

Mrs. E. M. Tainton and her sister, able.

Mrs. Linderman of Oakland visited at the J. H. Ralph home, Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. E. Hellwig of Mt. Eden entertained the Birthday club of this place, Saturday.

Mrs. O. Barth of Oakland visited at the home of Mrs. August May on Saturday and attended the meeting of the Birthday Club in the afternoon.

Mr. Weston Emery is the latest addition to our rapidly growing automobile colony. Wes is the possessor of a Studebaker "Four".

Rev Rogers has arranged to give a sermon on astronomy and the Bible for this Sunday evening. The choir will have charge of the singing.

## CENTERVILLE

Quite an unusual event is to take place this Sunday evening in St. James Episcopal church. The members of the Niles Congregational church will be present in a body, and the two congregations will worship together.

Mr. G. W. Wright spent Monday evening in Oakland.

J. A. Coney made a business trip to the city on Thursday.

Quite a crowd of people are expected to be on hand for the Valentine's Dance to be given by the Young Ladies Sodality next Saturday evening, February 10th.

Baseball practice has begun at the high school. Basketball is being treated rather lightly, the effort being to develop a good baseball team. The chances in this sport are very favorable.

## LODGE MEETINGS

**NILES LODGE, NO. 382, I. O. O. F.** Meets every Monday evening at Niles.  
L. A. FRONTZ, N. G.  
FRED MITTE, V. G.  
P. A. ELLIS, Secretary  
W. R. JOLLIFF, Treas.

**MAPLE CAMP NO. 146, W. O. W.** Meets every second and Fourth Fridays of the Month in Stevenson's Hall, Centerville.  
J. F. ROSE, Con. Com.  
JOS. SOITO, Adv.  
M. H. LEWIS, Clerk.  
M. S. ALMAIDA, Banker.

**ALAMEDA LODGE, F. & A. M.** Stated meetings at Masonic Temple, Centerville, for 1916: January 15, February 12, March 18, April 15, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 7, November 4, December 9.  
F. B. HARTMAN, W. M.  
A. T. BIDDLE, Secretary.

## LEGAL ADVERTISING

**NOTICE OF TIME SET FOR PROVING WILL, ETC.**  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the Estate of Joseph Freitas, who was also known as Joseph Frates and also as Joseph Freitas Fraguero, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a petition for the probate of the Will of Joseph Freitas, who was also known as Joseph Frates and also as Joseph Freitas Fraguero, deceased and for the issuance to Maria Freitas of letters testamentary thereon has been filed in this Court, and that Tuesday, the 6th day of February A.D. 1917, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the Courtroom of Department No. 4, of said Court, at the Court House in the City of Oakland, in said County of Alameda, has been set for the hearing of said petition and proving said will, when and where any person interested may appear and contest the same.

Dated, January 19, 1917.  
GEO. E. GLOSS, Clerk.  
By W. E. ADAMS, Deputy Clerk.  
JNO. G. MATOS, Jr., Attorney for Petitioner Centerville, Cal.

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From San Francisco

No. 210	will arrive Niles	2:44 A.M.	instead of	2:42 A.M.	Paper train
No. 500	"	4:45 A.M.	No change		MAX train
No. 90	"	8:32 A.M.	instead of	8:08 A.M.	San Jose Pass'r
No. 82	"	8:40 A.M.	No change		Sacto Pass'r
No. 32	"	11:40 A.M.	instead of	10:00 A.M.	Sacto Pass'r
No. 504	"	2:13 P.M.	No change		Milk train
No. 92	"	2:20 P.M.	No change		
No. 38	"	5:15 P.M.	instead of	5:15 P.M.	Sacto Pass'r
No. 52	"	5:43 P.M.	instead of	5:47 P.M.	Does not stop
No. 80	"	6:14 P.M.	instead of	6:12 P.M.	Stockton Flyer
No. 96	"	6:28 P.M.	instead of	6:07 P.M.	San Jose Pass'r
No. 182	"	7:12 P.M.	instead of	6:47 P.M.	Livermore Pass'r
*No. 184	"	9:02 P.M.	No change		Sunday only Livermore Pass'r

Toward San Francisco

No. 89	will leave Niles	5:45 A.M.	No change		From San Jose
No. 93	"	6:58 A.M.	instead of	6:54 A.M.	From Livermore
No. 91	"	7:57 A.M.	No change		From San Jose
No. 72	"	8:55 A.M.	No change		From Stockton
No. 181	"	1:30 P.M.	No change		From Sacto
No. 31	"	4:00 P.M.	instead of	2:20 P.M.	From Sacto
No. 97	"	3:50 P.M.	Terminates at Niles; connects with		31
No. 37	"	6:14 P.M.	instead of	6:12 P.M.	From Sacto
No. 51	"	8:50 P.M.	instead of	8:51 P.M.	Daily; stops to take passengers Sat. and Sun.

Train from San Jose

No. 89	will arrive Niles	5:45 A.M.	No change		to San Fran
No. 91	"	7:55 A.M.	No change		to San Fran
No. 505	"	9:10 A.M.	No change via Newark & Alvarado to		San Francisco
No. 95	"	1:20 P.M.	No change; terminates at Niles to con-		nect with No. 181 for San Francisco
No. 97	"	3:35 P.M.	instead of 4:30 P.M.; connects with		No. 31; terminates at Niles.
No. 513	"	6:50 A.M.	instead of 6:55 A.M. via Newark and		Alvarado to San Francisco Milk train
No. 515	"	5:00 P.M.	No change via Newark & Alvarado to		San Francisco

Toward San Jose

No. 90	will leave Niles	8:25 A.M.	instead of	8:10 A.M.	San Jose Pass'r
No. 188	"	11:40 A.M.	instead of	10:00 A.M.	
			Connects with No. 32 at Niles.		
No. 94	"	1:35 P.M.	No change; connects with No. 181 at		Niles.
No. 92	"	2:20 P.M.	No change, no connection.		
No. 98	"	4:05 P.M.	New train connects with No. 31 for		San Jose.
No. 96	"	6:30 P.M.	instead of 6:12 P.M. connects with No.		37

Toward San Jose via Newark

No. 507	will leave Niles	4:45 A.M.	No change		to San Jose
No. 505	"	9:15 A.M.	No change		to S. F. via Newark
No. 509	"	2:25 P.M.	No change		to San Jose via Newark
No. 188	"	11:30 A.M.	instead of 10:00 A.M. from San Jose.		connects with No. 32 Sacto Pass'r.

\* Daily except Sunday.

No. 98 San Jose Passenger which arrived Niles 7:58 P.M. taken off.

# Directory of Washington Township

This space is reserved for the live professional and business men of Washington Township—those who are interested in seeing it grow, and who believe that one of the necessities of a growing community is a live local newspaper.

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